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Claim 104 (canceled)

Claim 105 (canceled)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 10-12, 14-23, 26-32, 35-45 and 62-105 are pending and were examined. By this amendment, Claims 2, 3, 5-8, 10-12, 14-23, 26-32, 35-45, and 70-105 have been canceled without prejudice, leaving only Claims 62-69 which were allowed by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims, which applicants continue to believe is patentable, in a future related application.

All outstanding objections and rejections having been overcome by the present amendment and response, applicants therefore believe that the present case is in condition for allowance and respectfully request early notice to that effect.

If any issue remain to be addressed in this matter, which might be resolved by discussion, the examiner is respectfully requested to call applicants' undersigned counsel at the number indicated below.


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AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul C. Kimball", written over a horizontal line.

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